Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Well Sir, are the Government aware of the reason why some influential gentlemen manage to get bus permits and others will not be able to get them although they are quite able to ply buses?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA—No Sir, I repudiate that suggestion. In fact men with money alone must apply for bus permits and before granting licences, the Traffic Board usually takes all these facts into consideration.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Object of Visit of Chief Election Commissioner to the State.

Q.—21. **Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN** (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga —Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the object of the recent visit of the Chief Election Commissioner, Delhi, to the Mysore State;

(*b*) whether it is to implement the statement made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, regarding the holding of Elections in a free, fair and impartial manner with equal opportunities for all?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) To see that the arrangements for holding the General Elections are as perfect as they could be.

(*b*) Yes.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Do 'arrangements' mean the supply of election literature also such as electoral rolls and all that?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Surely, it does include.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that election literature are not available?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It is being made available. Electoral rolls are available now and very shortly we will issue maps showing polling stations and distances from villages and we will also issue hand-books showing how to vote. All these details will be given.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—When the Chief Election Commissioner visited the State of Mysore, along with him it appears you were also there. What are the places that he visited and what was the impression that was created with regard to the arrangements?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The Chief Election Commissioner felt himself perfectly satisfied with the way we are arranging for the election. He was himself a witness to the mock election which we conducted near Mandya. He was very well satisfied.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Can you tell us Sir, in what way or in what manner you are going to ensure fair and free elections?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We will give every voter a fair opportunity to vote for any candidate he pleases. We will give every opportunity to every candidate to stand for election. And we shall see that as far as it is possible for us, we will enable every voter to record his vote. We will give every facility within the limits of the law for every voter to vote and every candidate to stand for election. We shall see that to violation of the Rules is perpetrated and what more? (Laughter).

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Very good Sir. Will the representatives of the candidates be allowed to be at the polling booths?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—There are rules regarding the presence of these people. Candidates may remain there or their polling agents may remain there. We have given every facility, as far as the rules permit.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—You have been pleased to say if Rules permit.....

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM —The rules do permit the candidate to remain there or his polling agent to remain there. There are rules providing for their presence near the polling booth.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN—During the last Assembly Session when we met at Mysore, you were pleased to say that you have issued a circular to that effect.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is about the visit of the Chief Election Commissioner.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—The Hon'ble Minister himself has said that it was with a view to see whether our arrangements were perfect or not. We want to know whether these arrangements are perfect.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM—Quite perfect. As perfect as they could be.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS FOR THE DAY.

(Not taken up).

Alleged inconvenience to bus owners due to change in Transport portfolio.

Q.—66. **Sri K. H. MUDIYAPPA** (Chikmagalur District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have constituted District Traffic Advisory Committees and State Traffic Board ;

(*b*) whether District Traffic Advisory Committee has to forward the applications for licenses to lines, for sanction, to the Central Traffic Board with their recommendations ;

(*c*) whether they would furnish districtwar, the number of applications received in this behalf by them for the last three months ;

(*d*) when the portfolio of "Transport" was changed ;

(*e*) the reason for withdrawing the sanction given for certain lines as soon as the change in the portfolio took place ;

(*f*) how long this practice will be continued in future ;

(*g*) whether they are aware of the amount of inconvenience caused to bus owners on account of this practice ;

(*h*) whether they would change this practice and afford facilities to the bus owners who are in difficulties ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Yes. A Traffic Advisory Committee is constituted for each District and a Central Traffic Board for the State ;

(*b*) The Traffic Advisory Committees pass resolutions recommending sanction to the grant of bus lines and the District Magistrates concerned forward these resolutions to the Traffic Board with their recommendations.

(*c*) The number of recommendations received by the Traffic Board during the months of July, August and September 1951 from each District is indicated below :—

Bangalore	...	35
Tumkur	...	1
Kolar	...	1
Chitaldrug	...	1
Shimoga	...	3
Hassan	...	3
Chikmagalur	...	4
Mysore	...	4
Mandya	...	3

(*d*) 20th June 1951.
(*e*) The question is not clear.
(*f*) The question is not clear.
(*g*) Does not arise.
(*h*) Does not arise.

Building for a Middle School at Beechaganahalli, Gudibanda Taluk.

Q.—138. **Sri K. SAMPANGI RAMIAH** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a middle school has been sanctioned for Beechaganahalli, Gudibanda Taluk ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether the public have deposited any sum towards the construction of the said building ;

(*d*) if so, when and what amount ;

(*e*) whether any steps have been taken to put up the building :

(*f*) whether the District Board of Kolar was approached for a grant ;

(*g*) what the suggestion of the Government to the Board was ;

(*h*) how long would it take for Government to get the school constructed ?